THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUTURE, (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. According preliminary estimates the target of oilseed production is likely to be achieved during 1993-94.

Proposal to increase Production of Oilseeds

1543. SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any proposal to increase the production of oilseed in the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether more areas would be brought under the oilseed production ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In order to increase the production of oilseeds, Centrally Sponsored Oilseed Production Programme (OPP) is operative in 21 States covering 325 districts. Under this programme assistance is provided to the farmers for production and distribution of seeds, plant protection chemicals and equipment, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, rhyzobium culture, gypsum/pyrites micro-nutrients. In addition, frontline demonstration and block demonstrations are organised by ICAR and State Department of Agriculture on farmer's fields. The Government of India has made financial allocation of Rs. 97.5 crores for 1993-94 for O.P.P.

(c) and (d) There are possibilities to increase area under Soyabean and Sunflower in Kharif and under Mustard, Sunflower and Groundnut in Rabi in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

Oilseed Production

1544. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any shortage of oilseed production in the country during the year 1993-94 ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor ; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to fulfil the shortage ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The production target of oilseeds is likely to be achieved during 1993-94.

(c) To increase the production of oilseeds a Centrally Sponsored Oilseed Production Programme (OPP) is under implementation in 325 districts of 21 States. Under the programme assistance is provided for production and distribution of seeds, supply of plant protection chemicals and equipments, improved farm implements, sprinkler sets, opening of retail outlets, Gypsum/ Pyrites Micronutrients distribution to the farmers.

खाद्यान्नों का अनुमानित उत्पादन

1545. **श्रीमती सरला माहेश्वरी** : क्या कृषि मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1993-94 के दौरान खाद्यान्नों का उत्पादन कितना होने का अनुमान है ;

(ख) क्या खाद्यान्नों का उत्पादन इस सम्बन्ध में निर्धारित लक्ष्य के अनुरूप होगा या इसमें गिरावट आएगी ; और

(ग) यदि इसमें गिरावट आई है तो उसके क्या कारण है ?

कृषि मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अरविन्द नेताम) : (क) वर्तमान मूल्यांकन के अनुसार 1993-94 में खाद्यान्नों का उत्पादन लगभग 179 10 मिलियन मीटरी टन होने की आशा है।

(ख) वर्तमान वर्ष के दौरान खाद्यान्नों का उत्पादन निर्धारित लक्ष्य से कम होने की संभावना है।